

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Prior Application: Y. KAMIGAKI et al
Serial No. 10/377,785
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Examiner: K. Quinto
For: SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED CIRCUIT

REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION APPLICATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)

Commissioner for Patents
Mail Stop Patent Application
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 10/377,785, filed on March 4, 2003, entitled SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED CIRCUIT, by all of the inventors named in the prior application.

1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the Declaration as originally filed.

2. The Filing Fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION
LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY AMENDMENT BELOW
PLUS ANY CLAIMS ADDED BY ACCOMPANYING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Basic Fee										\$ 750.00
Total Claims	1	-	20	=	0	x	18	=	\$	0.00
Independent Claims	1	-	3	=	0	x	84	=	\$	0.00
Total Filing Fee										\$ 750.00



3. A Credit Card Payment Form including the amount of \$750.00 is enclosed to cover the Filing Fee.

4. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1417.

5. New drawings are enclosed, sixty-eight (68) pages, Figs. 1-124.

6. The power of attorney is set forth in the Declaration in the prior application or an associate power of attorney is hereby granted to:

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Please associate this application with Customer No. 24956.


7. The prior application is assigned to Hitachi, Ltd..

8. Priority of the following Japanese patent application is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119:

No. 11-263155, filed September 17, 1999;
No. 11-263154, filed September 17, 1999; and
No. 2000-083246, filed March 21, 2000.

The certified copies have been filed in the parent application.

The undersigned hereby declares that no matter contained in the specification, including the claims, and drawings filed in the present continuation application would have been new matter in the prior application Serial No. 10/377,785, as originally filed on March 4, 2003.



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